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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. RUSSIAN THINKING ON ACCESS TO BERLIN

ACCORDING TO EMBASSY BONN, A SOVIET DIPLOMAT HAS CONFIRMED THAT THE GDR THREAT AGAINST ACCESS TO BERLIN FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENT OFFICE IS BEING GENERATED ENTIRELY AT RUSSIAN INSTIGATION. THE DIPLOMAT WAS CAREFUL NOT TO STATE THAT ACTION TO IMPEDE TRAVEL WILL DEFINITELY TAKE PLACE, BUT HE STRESSED THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH THE SOVIETS REGARD ANY INCREASE OF THE FRG PRESENCE IN BERLIN. (CONFIDENTIAL) BONN
1419, 1/25.

2. BILATERAL DEAL INFLUENCES JAPAN'S ENERGY POSITION

A. OIL DEAL CONCLUDED WITH IRAQ...

A JAPANESE PETROLEUM OFFICIAL HAS GIVEN EMBASSY TOKYO
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DETAILS OF THE LONG-TERM OIL AGREEMENT RECENTLY INITIALED BY JAPAN AND IRAQ. THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR THE SUPPLY OF THE EQUIVALENT OF 160 MILLION TONS

OF OIL TO JAPAN OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS AND FOR A \$1 BILLION JAPANESE LOAN TO FINANCE SEVEN IRAQI DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. THE SECURITY OF THE SUPPLY OF OIL IS EXPRESSLY LINKED IN "VOLUME AND PACE" TO THE PROGRESS OF JAPANESE ASSISTANCE IN IRAQI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. (CONFIDENTIAL) TOKYO 1129, 1/25.

B. . .WILL BE PROTECTED AT ENERGY CONFERENCE

ACCORDING TO EMBASSY TOKYO, JAPAN WILL SEEK AN AGREEMENT ON A STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES GOVERNING BILATERAL OIL DEALS AT THE WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE, BUT THE EMERGING POLICY LINE SEEMS TO BE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN WILL INSIST THAT NO ACTION BE TAKEN BY THE CONFERENCE WHICH WILL PREJUDICE REASONABLE BILATERAL OIL ARRANGEMENTS. (CONFIDENTIAL) TOKYO 1127, 1/25.

3. AUSTRALIAN RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA

A. RECOGNITION INEVITABLE . . .

IN AN APPARENT ATTEMPT TO ENLIST US SUPPORT IN CONVINCING SOUTH KOREA OF THE INEVITABILITY OF AUSTRALIAN RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA, THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN SEOUL HAS GIVEN OUR EMBASSY THE SUBSTANCE OF ITS JANUARY 24 RECOMMENDATION TO CANBERRA REGARDING RECOGNITION. THE AUSTRALIANS IN SEOUL HOPE THAT ONCE THE SOUTH KOREANS REALIZE THAT AUSTRALIAN RECOGNITION OF THE NORTH CANNOT BE AVOIDED, THEY WILL USE THE TIME AVAILABLE TO THEM TO ADJUST THEIR POLICIES IN PREPARATION FOR DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS. (SECRET) SEOUL 609, 1/25 (EXDIS).

B. . .BUT MAY INVOLVE RECIPROCITY

EMBASSY CANBERRA REPORTS THAT THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO DELAY RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA AND TO
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ENDEAVOR TO PERSUADE AN EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRY, POSSIBLY YUGOSLAVIA, TO GRANT RECIPROCAL RECOGNITION OF SOUTH KOREA. THE EMBASSY COMMENTS, HOWEVER, THAT PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM IS DETERMINED TO PROCEED WITH RECOGNITION BEFORE THE END OF FEBRUARY. (CONFIDENTIAL) CANBERRA 504, 1/26 (EXDIS). KISSINGER

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